

## THE ASMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On June 30, 1990, the following ASMS board members will retire from the Board: Michelle V. Buchanan, Treasurer; Rodger L. Foltz and Michael S. Story, Members at Large; and Gerry G. Meisels.

Gerry Meisels has served a six-year term on the Board as Vice President for Programs, President, and Past President. His leadership moved the Society into participation with a broader scientific community. His representation on the Council of Scientific Society Presidents and his election to the Chairmanship of that group for 1991 exemplifies his dedication to the advocacy of scientific interests and science education. Gerry has insisted that scientific merit be used as the measure for evaluating ASMS activities and worked to enhance the "science" presented at the annual conference.

Michelle Buchanan performed the customary duties as treasurer and co-chaired the 1990 Sanibel Conference. Rodger Foltz chaired the Committee on Standards and Measurements and organized the ASMS Short Course on LC/MS in Drug Testing. Mike Story chaired the Education Committee, which this year completed the very successful booklet "What is Mass Spectrometry?"

ASMS congratulates each of the retiring board members on their contributions to the Society and mass spectrometry. We are sincerely grateful for their outstanding service.

## CSSP

In 1986 ASMS became affiliated with the Council of Scientific Society Presidents (CSSP). CSSP membership is restricted to the presidents, presidents-elect, and immediate past presidents of 55 scientific societies representing over one million scientists. The Council has two major functions. The first is to help scientific societies operate better, share ideas and information, and to alert and advise societies when federal agencies or Congress propose actions that might affect society operations adversely. The second is to increase among our elected representatives and their staff an understanding of the importance of the sciences, the nature of scientific research, the need for support of the sciences, and of the impact of proposed federal rules and legislation on the conduct of science.

Gerry Meisels is Past President of ASMS and is our

representative to CSSP. He has been active in CSSP on the Government Affairs Committee, and he was recently elected chair of CSSP for 1991.

In a democracy, advocacy before Congress by informed groups is an important component. The sciences have often not fared as well as most of us believe they should because they have not been effective in this regard. CSSP is one of the most respected groups working in Washington on behalf of all the sciences.

## WHAT IS MASS SPECTROMETRY?

This educational booklet is an attractive and readable description of mass spectrometric techniques and their applications. It will be a tool for use in recruiting students to the profession, as well as providing basic information to the general public, such as, corporate managers and institutional administrators. The ASMS Education Committee, including Mike Story, Ann Goetz, Alan Marshall, Elizabeth Stemmler, and James Kelley, plus former committee members Harry Hertz, Al Yerger, and Paul Goodley, have each contributed significantly to the production of this project.

The booklet will be distributed at the conference and will be made available in limited quantities for educational purposes. Larger quantities for commercial use may be purchased at \$2 each. Requests should be made in writing to the Society Office.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| June 2-3   | ASMS Short Courses, Tucson, Arizona. <i>Contact ASMS at (517) 337-2548.</i>                                                                   |
| June 3-8   | The 38th ASMS Conference on Mass Spectrometry and Allied Topics, Tucson, Arizona.                                                             |
| June 24-28 | Methods & Mechanisms for Producing Ions from Large Molecules, Minaki, Canada. <i>Contact K. G. Standing at (204) 474-9358.</i>                |
| July 24-27 | Summer Symposium on Mass Spectrometry, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. <i>Contact Dave Donohue at (615) 547-8731 or Graham Cooks at (317) 494-5262.</i> |

- August 19-23 International Symposium on MS in Life Sciences, Ghent, Belgium. Contact A. DeLeenheer, Medische Biochemie, Harelbekestr 72, B-9000 Ghent, Belgium.
- September 23-27 Intermediates in Gas Phase Ion Chemistry, The Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California. Contact Laszlo Tokes at (415) 855-5713.
- November 5-6 Fall Workshop on Electrospray, Chicago, Illinois. Organized by Ian Jardine; contact ASMS at (517) 337-2548.